

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 are presently pending in this application.

Applicant notes with appreciation the substantive allowance of all claims.

The informality in claim 10 has been removed by shifting the location of the word "wherein" in the last paragraph of the claim.

Also attached hereto is a terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance and requests a formal notification to that effect at an early date.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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